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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the last two paragraphs starting at page 3, line 5 with the following two paragraphs:

FIG. 8 depicts a flowchart showing a sixth exemplar embodiment of the medical device operation system of FIG. 2.

FIG. 9 depicts a flowchart showing a seventh exemplar embodiment of the medical device operating system of FIG. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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